

BASE FRAME FOR FIXTURE

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention relates to a base frame for holding
fixtures used in woodwork. The base frame includes an
extruded body having a raised top central portion formed
into a dovetailed open-topped upper channel, two lowered
wing portions located at each lateral side of the upper
10 channel and formed into two symmetrically identical
open-topped side channels with a height difference
existed between the tops of the upper and the side channels,
and a big-size open-bottomed lower channel formed below
said upper channel and said two side channels. With the
15 height difference between the upper and the side channels,
two base frames may be perpendicularly connected to each
other in the same plane using a U-shaped connecting
bracket flush with the top of the upper channel, or
superposed with the upper channels facing toward each
20 other by locking inserting blocks in each open-sided
channel formed between two side channels at the same side
of the two superposed base frames.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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Specific fixtures are required in woodwork to firmly clamp

a workpiece in place, so that accurate, quick, and convenient drilling and groove-milling works may be performed on the workpiece at desired positions. Fig. 1 is a cross sectional view of a conventional base frame for fixture disclosed in US Patent No. 6,622,997 B2. The conventional base frame for fixture in Fig. 1 is an extruded member having integrally formed upper channel A and lower channel B. A fixture C is inserted in and engaged with the lower channel B, so as to firmly hold a workpiece in place; and a drill rest E is engaged with the upper channel A via connecting brackets D, so that drilling works may be performed. With the above-described structure, the conventional base frame for fixture of Fig. 1 may only clamp the workpiece in a simple manner to perform only the drilling work, and does not have the groove-milling or other function. The conventional base frame for fixture shown in Fig. 1 is therefore not very ideal for woodwork. It is therefore tried by the inventor to develop an improved base frame for fixture that is multi-functional and more convenient for use as compared with the conventional product.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A primary object of the present invention is to provide an improved base frame for fixture. The base frame

includes an extruded body having an integrally formed lower channel, to which different fixtures may be connected, and two open-topped side channels integrally formed at two lower lateral sides of a raised upper channel.

5 With the side channels, two base frames for fixture may be perpendicularly connected to one another at their adjacent edges.

With the above-described structure, two base frames for
10 fixture according to the present invention may also be superposed with the upper channels facing toward each other, so that the two open-topped side channels at the same side of the superposed base frames together define an open-sided channel between them. Using specially
15 designed inserting blocks, washers, and knob-head bolts at the open-sided channels, the two superposed base frames may be detachably connected to one another.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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The structure and the technical means adopted by the present invention to achieve the above and other objects can be best understood by referring to the following detailed description of the preferred embodiments and
25 the accompanying drawings, wherein

Fig. 1 is a cross sectional view of a conventional base frame for fixture;

Fig. 2 is a sectioned perspective view of a base frame
5 for fixture according to the present invention;

Fig. 3 is an exploded perspective view showing the relation between the base frame for fixture of the present invention and specially designed connecting bracket and
10 inserting plates;

Fig. 4 is an assembled perspective view of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is an exploded perspective view showing the
15 relation between two superposed base frames for fixture of the present invention and specially designed inserting blocks, washers, and knob-head bolts;

Fig. 6 is an assembled perspective view of Fig. 5;
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Fig. 7 is an assembled view showing two base frames for fixture of the present invention perpendicularly connected at adjacent edges using the connecting bracket and the inserting plates of Fig. 3;

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Fig. 8 shows a groove-milling machine works with the

perpendicularly connected base frames for fixture of Fig.
7 to mill a groove on a workpiece;

Fig. 9 shows an example of adjustably connecting the
5 inserting plate to only one side channel of the base frame
for fixture of the present invention for performing
drilling work;

Fig. 10 shows another example of adjustably connecting
10 two inserting plates to two opposite side channels of
the same one base frame for fixture of the present
invention for performing drilling work;

Fig. 11 shows a further example of adjustably connecting
15 two inserting plates to two opposite side channels of
the same one base frame for fixture of the present
invention for performing groove-milling work;

Fig. 12 shows a C-shaped clamp is removably connected
20 to a bottom channel of the base frame for fixture of the
present invention;

Fig. 13 shows the connection of different fixtures to
two superposed base frames for fixture of the present
25 invention;

Fig. 14 shows the superposed base frames for fixture of the present invention of Fig. 13 are firmly fixed to a worktable; and

- 5 Fig. 15 shows a workpiece is tightly clamped between the fixtures connected to the superposed base frames for fixture of the present invention of Fig. 14.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

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Please refer to Fig. 2. A base frame for fixture G according to the present invention is an extruded body having a raised top central portion and a lowered wing portion at each lateral side of the raised top central portion. The top central portion of the base frame G is an open-topped upper channel 1 in the form of a dovetail groove having a predetermined depth. The two lowered lateral wing portions are formed into two symmetrically identical open-topped side channels 2, 3. And, a large-size open-bottomed lower channel 4 is formed below the upper channel 1 and the two side channels 2, 3.

Please refer to Fig. 5. Two base frames G_1 , G_2 may be symmetrically superposed with two upper channels 1 facing toward each other, so that the open-topped side channels 2, 3 at the same side of the superposed base frames G_1 ,

G₂ together define an open-sided channel 7 between them.

Please now refer to Figs. 3, 4, and 7. Two base frames G₁, G₂ of Fig. 2 may be perpendicularly connected to each other in the same plane at two adjacent edges using a connecting bracket 5 and a plurality of inserting plates 6 that are specially designed for this purpose. The connecting bracket 5 is a U-shaped member having a thickness equal to a height difference between a top of the upper channel 1 and a top of the side channel 2, 3, and having a plurality of internally threaded through holes 51 provided at predetermined positions. Each of the inserting plates 6 is provided at a predetermined position with an internally threaded through hole 61, and may be connected to a bottom side of the connecting bracket 5 using a screw 62 sequentially threaded through one of the through holes 51 on the connecting bracket 5 and the through hole 61 on the inserting plate 6.

As can be most clearly seen from Fig. 4, an assembly of the connecting bracket 5 and the inserting plates 6 may be associated with a first base frame G₁ by sliding two inserting plates 6 below a crossbar portion of the U-shaped connecting bracket 5 into the side channel 2 or 3, and another two inserting plates 6 below free ends of two leg portions of the U-shaped connecting bracket

5 into two side channels 2, 3 of a second base frame G_2 , as shown in Fig. 7, so that the two base frames G_1 , G_2 are connected to each other at their adjacent edges at a right angle. The screws 62 may then be tightened against the connecting bracket 5 and the inserting plates 6 to firmly connect the two base frames G_1 , G_2 to one another. After the two base frames G_1 , G_2 are connected together in the above manner, a top surface of the connecting bracket 5 is flush with the top of the dovetailed upper channel 1.

Please refer to Figs. 5 and 6. The two base frames G_1 , G_2 of Fig. 2 may also be symmetrically superposed with the upper channels 1 facing toward each other, and then be tightly connected together using inserting blocks 71, washers 72, and knob-head bolts 73 that are specially designed for this purpose. As mentioned above, due to the height difference between the tops of the upper channel 1 and the side channel 2, 3, an open-sided channel 7 is formed between the side channels 2, 3 at the same side of the superposed base frames G_1 , G_2 .

The inserting block 71 has a cross section corresponding to that of the channel 7 for fitly sliding into the channel 7, and is provided at a predetermined position with an internally threaded through hole 711. The washer 72 has

a central hole 721, and the knob-head bolt 73 is adapted to sequentially extend through the central hole 721 of the washer 72 and the threaded hole 711 of the inserting block 71. When the inserting block 71 has been slid into
5 the channel 7 to a predetermined position, the knob-head bolt 73 may be extended through the washer 72 and the threaded hole 711 on the inserting block 71 to tighten the inserting block 71 and the washer 72 against an inner and an outer side, respectively, of a side opening 70
10 of the channel 7, as shown in Fig. 6, so that the two superposed base frames G_1 , G_2 are firmly connected to each other.

Fig. 8 shows three base frames for fixture according to
15 the present invention are sequentially connected to one another using the connecting brackets 5, the inserting plates 6, and the screws 62, and have flushed top surfaces, so that a groove-milling machine 8 may move on the flushed base frames G_1 , G_2 to perform accurate groove-milling
20 work. A tape measure 9 may be fitted in the upper channel 1 to facilitate accurate wood fabrication. Since both side channels 2, 3 allow two base frames G_1 , G_2 to perpendicularly connect to one another at their adjacent edges, a user may select to perform the drilling work
25 at one side of any base frame G_1 or G_2 , as shown in Fig. 9, or to perform the drilling or the groove-milling work

at two opposite sides of the base frame G_1 or G_2 at the same time, as shown in Figs. 10 and 11.

Please refer to Figs. 13, 14, and 15. When two base frames
5 G_1 , G_2 are symmetrically superposed and firmly connected,
as shown in Fig. 13, the lower base frame G_2 may be fixedly
mounted on a worktable 10 using fixtures 13, 14, as shown
in Fig. 14. Meanwhile, another fixtures 13, 14 may be
engaged with the lower channel 4 of the upper base frame
10 G_1 for tightly clamping a workpiece 11 between them, as
shown in Fig. 15, so that woodwork may be performed on
the workpiece 11.

Please refer to Fig. 12. A C-shaped clamp 12 having a
15 top configuration corresponding to a cross section of
the lower channel 4 is specially designed for firmly
connecting the base frame G to the worktable 10. More
specifically, the C-shaped clamp 12 is adjustably
connected to the base frame G through engagement of the
20 top of the C-shaped clamp 12 with the lower channel 4
of the base frame G , and a lower part of the C-shaped
clamp 12 is then tightly mounted to the worktable 10 via,
for example, a bolt.